

CLASS OF 1937 HOWE HIGH SCHOOL



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To Mrs. Sampson, our class adviser

for three years, we dedicate

this book.

Mark Sampson

In his sophomore year he was a member of the basketball team, the baseball team, the football team, and the track team. He was a member of the high school for the galleries class.

He is a conscientious, intelligent

and hard working student.

He is a good student; he was on the honor roll in his sophomore and junior years. He is interested in politics and believes we need a bright and honest politician we will have when he realizes his ambition.

Mark Sampson

Mark's activities have been varied. He was president of his class during the sophomore year, and secretary the junior year, and was elected president of the senior class during the senior year.

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Mark was a member of the glee club during his four years in high school, and participated in the gym exhibits and was on the honor roll in his junior year.

MEMBERS OF THE CLASS OF

1937

HOWE HIGH SCHOOL

Billerica, Massachusetts

ANDREWS, RUTH
Billerica Center

Ruth was a member of the glee club for four years. During her junior year, she was in an operetta given by the Glee club. In her senior year, she sang in the Massachusetts State Festival held in Lowell. She was on the honor roll in her junior and senior years.

BARTOL, ROBERT
West Billerica

"Bart"

"Bart", the leading man in the senior play, "The Young-est", suddenly rose to fame through his natural ability to act. Bart came to us from East Boston in his sophomore year and we are very glad he did. He has contributed much to the class by aiding its events and making the honor roll. Bart expects to go to Harvard. We all know that he will succeed.

BIGOLD, ROGER
North Billerica

In his sophomore year Roger was assistant manager of the baseball team, and in his junior year he managed the baseball team. He was a reporter of sports and activities in the high school for the Billerica News.

BROWN, FRED
North Billerica

Fred was a good student; he was on the honor roll in his freshman and junior years. He is interested in politics and we shall see what a bright and honest politician we will have when he realizes his ambition.

BROWN, JEAN
North Billerica

Jean's activities have been varied. She was president of her class during the freshman year, and secretary the sophomore year. She has been accompanist for the orchestra and glee club, not to mention being an honor student during her senior year.

BROWN, MARJORIE
North Billerica

Marjorie was a member of the glee club during her four years in high school. She participated in the gym exhibition and was on the honor roll in her junior year.

BROWN, THELMA
Boston Road, Billerica

Thelma played interclass basketball in her junior and senior years. She was on the honor roll in her junior year. Thelma's ambition is to be a dietitian. Here's luck to you, Thelma!

BURRIS, JOHN
East Billerica

John played guard on the football team in 1936. He is a seemingly quiet young fellow, but when you know him, you think otherwise. His ambition is to be a forester.

CAMPBELL, HELEN
Maple Street, North Billerica

Helen, a small brunette, is very popular among the senior class members. She attended all the school functions and was a very encouraging basketball cheer leader. Helen, who is a very good dancer, expects to succeed as a secretary. Good luck, Helen!

CONDON, JOHN
North Billerica

John Condon, one of our leading seniors, has been our class president for three years, and treasurer in his freshman year. He had played in the school orchestra for four years. He has played baseball for three years, basketball for one year, and football for one year. He was a member of the Prom Committee and the Ring Committee. He was also a member of the A. A. nominating board.

DAVIS, RICHARD
Billerica

Richard Davis has been on the honor roll his four years in high school. He is very ambitious, and intends to go to M. I. T.

DOLAN, JOHN
Turnpike Road, Billerica

John played baseball for three years. His ambitions are to be able to outhit Patty White in baseball, to be a champion horseshoe player and last, but not least, to be a fancy rollerskater!

FALLON, THOMAS
Doris Avenue, Billerica

"Tom"

Tom played baseball and was a pretty good hitter in his day. He is a very quiet lad and I think I know why. Tom, don't let her get you all flustered so that you can't recite in economics any more. Tom goes in for loud ties; "Flash" Gordon seems to like them.

FERMOYLE, HELEN
Andover Road, Billerica

"Maggie"

Helen played on the inter-class basketball team. Her ambition is to be a commercial artist. She is a very taciturn girl, but maybe she is bashful.

FLINT, VIRGINIA
Concord Road, Billerica Center

"Ginny"

"Ginny" left us in her junior year to attend Acton High School but found Howe was the place for her and so returned to be graduated with us. Glad you came back, Virginia!

FREELAN, RITA
Trombley Avenue, Billerica

Rita played basketball, and was she good! Her height and ability to play basketball helped us in many games. Rita's ambition is to be a nurse, so that she will be able to doctor up our football students next fall! A great girl is Rita!

GATES, EVERETT
Allen Road, Billerica

"Boot"

Gates has earned two letters for football and one letter for basketball. He was secretary of his class during his freshman year and vice president during his sophomore year.

HOLMES, CATHERINE
Andover Road, Billerica

"Kay"

Catherine has been in the Glee Club for four years. She had the part of Rosita in the operetta, "South in Sonora." She sang in the music festival held at Hyannis and in the concert at Lowell. This year she played the part of Augusta in the senior play and also earned a letter for her work on the basketball team.

HOULNE, MAURICE
Whiting Street, Billerica

Houlné had the part of Allen in the senior play. During his senior year he has been manager of the baseball team and assistant manager of the basketball team. He is going to Bentley's Business School in the fall and intends to become a Certified Public Accountant.

INGLES, PHYLLIS
Boston Road, Billerica

"Phyl"

Phyllis has been in the gym exhibition held at the Howe High School. In the fall, she is planning to go in training to be a nurse.

ISNOR, BESSIE
Boston Road, Billerica

Bessie is one of the quieter members of our class. She is a member of the Glee Club and takes part in its various activities. Bessie will be remembered for her performance as the maid in the senior play, "The Youngest." Good luck to you as a secretary!

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JOHNSON, ESTHER
Seven Oaks Road, North Billerica

"Snooney"

Snooney, the attractive blonde with the beautiful smile and personality, is the sweetheart of the Senior Class. As leading lady of the Senior Class Play, Snooney won the admiration of all the audience. Acting and baseball are not the only hobbies Snooney has. She was a very fine manager for the girls' basketball team and aided the Athletic Association in all its events. "Beautiful but dumb" does not apply to Snooney for she makes the honor roll yearly. She expects to go to Bradshaw and become a secretary. Good luck to you, Snooney!

JOHNSON, EVELYN
Seven Oaks Road, North Billerica

"Evie"

"Evie" played on the inter-class basketball team. She wants to be a million dollar baby in a five and ten cent store. I hope you succeed, "Evie".

JOHNSON, ROBERT
Riverview Avenue, North Billerica

Robert is notoriously quiet. A bashful young man, he was not on any of the teams. What would happen if all the fellows were like that? He has an ambition, however, he expects to be a florist.

KILEY, HELEN
Sachem Street, Pinehurst

Helen is a bashful little school girl--tells me she hates boys. I wonder! Her ambition is to become a hair-dresser. Maybe I'll have the pleasure of having my hair done by you, Helen. Heaven help you if your work is awful!

KLEMKA, ALDONA
Whipple Road, East Billerica

"Aldy"

Aldy was on the honor roll for three years but slipped her senior year. What was on your mind, Aldy? She seems to be a quiet young lady, but she has plenty of pep just the same. Aldy is quite interested in aviation--wants to be an aviatrix some of these days.

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KNIGHT, THOMAS
Gray Street, East Billerica

Thomas was vice-president of the class during his freshman and junior years, and has been a valuable asset to the high school orchestra. His chief ambition, by the way, is to be a member of a swing band, preferably Benny Goodman's!

KONDZIELA, SOPHIA
Roger Street, North Billerica

"So"

Dear old "So" played inter-class basketball and was she a star! She was even on the honor roll--how's that? "So" is a happy-go-lucky girl: she says her ambition is anything and everything. She is rather bashful, especially when the boys talk to her!

LEAVITT, ALBERT
Shawsheen Road, Riverdale

"Al"

"Al's" chief ambition is to be an engineer and pull all the parts of a car apart, don't you know? Step right up this way, boys, if you want your car fixed! "Al" played on the football team, too.

LEAVITT, EDNA
Shawsheen Road, Riverdale

"Ed"

"Eddy" who is always smiling and happy, played inter-class basketball during all four years in high school. She wants to be the President's secretary!

LECLAIR
LUCAS, JOSEPHINE
North Billerica

"Jo"

Assistant manager of the basketball team her senior year, Jo was also in the senior play and how we remember her! She belongs to the Glee Club, so well known for its talents! Have you an ambition, "Jo"?

LIVINGSTON, GEORGE
Billerica, Center

"Georgie"

George is such a quiet young fellow and doesn't have much to say to anybody, so we haven't been able to get much information from him.

MAHONEY, VINCENT
Trombley Avenue, North Billerica

"Scarley"

"Scarley" played baseball during his four years in high school, and football for two years. He was vice-president of the sophomore class, treasurer of the junior class, vice-president of the senior class, and is chairman of the decorating committee for the Prom.

MAHONEY, MARION
East Billerica

"Sis"

Marion's ambition is to be a stenographer. She is a rather quiet young lady, but a smile for everybody is her motto.

MASON, BARBARA
Call Street, North Billerica

"Bonny"

"Bonny" participated in the gym exhibition and style show and played inter-class basketball during her senior year. She likes to work in the lab and is going to be a nurse some day.

MASON, MARGARET
Call Street, North Billerica

Margaret was in the gym exhibition and style show, and is an interested follower of sports. What is your ambition, Margaret?

MONTY, VIRGINIA
5 Elm Street, North Billerica

"Ginney"

"Ginney" was an honor student at Keith Hall during her freshman and sophomore years, and she played inter-class basketball during her junior year here.

MCELROY, ROBERT
Elliot Street, Nuttings Lake

"Spud"

Spud is our senior debator who would pick an argument over a straw. He played football and took an important part in a tennis tournament. His speedy serves made his opponents dizzy. As an actor, Spud is excellent. His part as a wolf in a radio play brought him abundant compliments. Spud expects to go to Salem Normal and become a pedagog.

NEWMAN, JOSEPH
Pinehurst

Joseph is an excellent football and baseball player and his dry humor was one of the bright spots in senior English.

O'BRIEN, JOHN
Nuttins Lake

Johnny's football training probably had something to do with his heroic work on February 13, 1937, when he saved a girl from drowning in Nuttins Lake.

ONEILL, HELEN
Center, Billerica

"Jimmy"

It was "Jimmy" who so admirably took the part of Mother in the Senior Play. She has been on the Honor Roll, served on the Junior Prom committee, and wants to be a Journalist.

PEVERILL, CHARLES
North Billerica

"Charlie"

"Charlie" intends to go to college. To be a C. P. A. is his goal. Aeronautics also interests him.

PLOURDE, ROBERT
North Billerica

"Bobby"

"Bobby" wants to be a radio operator. Good luck, Bobby.

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POMANACKI, JANICE
Treble Cove Road, Billerica

"Jennie"

"Jennie" has been on the Honor Roll. She wants to be a successful private secretary, and we know she will be!

PORTER, GEORGE
Baldwin Street, Billerica

"Putt"

"Putt" will always be remembered for his pleasant smile and quiet ways. He is sure to succeed as a hand-balancer!

POTTER, ROBERT
High Street, North Billerica

"Rhoany"

"Rhoany" aided us greatly on the sophomore decorating committee for the Hallowee'n Party. Howe benefited by competing to go to Massachusetts State College and become an economic agriculturist.

ROBERTS, MILDRED
Chadwick Street, North Billerica

"Millie"

Mill is quite a girl. She played inter-class basketball and is quite a star except when she gets knocked out! Remember, Millie? Millie's chief ambition is to be Ed's chief secretary. Does she shine in economics? Ask Mr. Gor- don!

ROBERTSON, ROGER
Hampstead Avenue, North Billerica

"Robbie"

"Robbie" is a very popular fellow of the class of '37. He has been class treasurer for two years and served on the freshman, sophomore, and junior dance committees. In the senior play, "The Youngest", Robbie very adequately filled his part of Oliver, an arrogant older brother controlling the family's fortune. Robbie expects to go to M. I. T. and be a research engineer in the automobile industry.

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ROGERS, LILLIAN
Day Street, South Billerica

"Lil"

"Lil", a quiet girl with many friends, sang in the Glee Club her senior year. She expects to go to a business school and become an efficient secretary. "Good luck", Lil.

RYAN, JOSEPH
1 Tremont Road, Nuttings Lake

"Blondie"

"Blondie" helped us on the freshman party and on the Athletic Association ticket committee. Our football captain and hero, Blondie also plays basketball and baseball equally well. He expects to be a teacher. Good luck, Blondie!

SHAW, MARJORIE
Turnpike Road, Nuttings Lake

"Marge"

"Marge", the girl with the winning smile and pleasing personality, is a very popular member of the senior class. In her junior year she was class secretary and had charge of the ticket committee for the Junior Prom. She has served capably as vice-president of the Athletic Association for two years. As captain of the girls' basketball team, "Marge" filled her forward position very efficiently and was always high scorer. She is an honor student. "Marge's" hobbies are dancing and roller-skating. She intends to enter Salem Normal and become a school teacher. Good luck to you, Marge, for we're sure you'll succeed!

STASKIVICZ, EDWARD
Apple Street, South Billerica

"Jocko", our efficient senior secretary, is famous for his humor and advertising speeches. "Stasky" has played football, basketball, and baseball for three years. His ability to catch aided the baseball team of '36 in winning the Suburban League Championship. The versatile Jocko, who was captain of the basketball team of '37, led his team to many victories with his "dead-eye" and encouraging pep talks. As runners up in the Upper Merrimac Valley Tournament of '37, Stasky's team were presented a loving cup. Much credit is due Jocko as a leader of his team. Jocko's ambition is to be an aviator. We all know that he will succeed.

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TINTLE, EDITH
Turnpike Road, Nuttings Lake

"Bunny"

Edith helped us greatly in all social affairs. She also did her part in sports and was a cheer leader during the football and basketball seasons. We're sure Edith will succeed as a secretary.

TALUTIS, JOANNA
Allen Road, Billerica

Joanna has been in the Glee Club for four years and has sung in the concerts sponsored by the Glee Club at the Howe High School, as well as in the chorus of the operetta, "South in Sonora." Joanna has also been in the gym exhibition.

TRUE, WALTER
Treble Cove Road, North Billerica

"Wally Berger"

As his nickname suggests, Walter is a member of the Baseball Team, filling his position in the outfield very well. He also plays a "hot" trumpet in the school orchestra. Walter is a woman hater and hopes to be a "Tech boy."

TURNER, ELDER
Andover Road, Billerica Center

"Sparrow"

"Sparrow", our efficient Athletic Association President for the past two years, is noted for his wit and humor. Elder is a very good singer and is a member of the Glee Club. "Sparrow" intends to study radio.

WHITE, PATRICK
Wilson Street, North Billerica

"Patty"

"Patty" is one of our leading sportsmen. As captain of the baseball team in '36 he led his team to the League Championship. He is captain again this year. As half back on the football team, this diminutive lad accounted for many touchdowns. "Pat" hopes to continue his baseball career and land in the Big Leagues!

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1935-36

In the rank of Juniors, the class of 1937 began to show much progress. Class officers were John Condon, President, Thomas Knight, Vice President, Marjorie Shaw, Secretary, and Vincent Mahoney, Treasurer. Mrs. Sampson was reelected for Class advisor. Three members were chosen from the Junior class to be Athletic Association officers. They were Elder Turner, President, Marjorie Shaw, Vice President, and Jean Brown, Secretary.

The big feature of the year was the Junior Prom. It was held at the school auditorium, May 9. The decorations and setting resembled an underwater scene, with fish swimming about and mermaids lounging at ease.

Another important item in our junior year was the choosing of our class rings. We chose a yellow gold ring with a pen and scroll design drawn by Edward Thommen.

For a third time, the junior class journeyed to Canobie Lake for their outing. A good time was had by all and so ended our Junior Year.

1936-37

After a busy summer we returned to our classes once more as "the people of the hour"--the seniors. But we did not return once more to various small rooms; we were all gathered together in a large study hall. Miss Campbell and Miss Davis replaced the Misses Snow and Conway in the commercial division. During the year, Mr. Husson, who left to fill a vacancy in North Attleboro High School, was replaced by Mr. Gordon.

A class meeting found John Condon again President; Vincent Mahoney, Vice President; Edward Staskivicz, Secretary; and Roger Robertson, Treasurer. The three Athletic officers were reelected to their respective positions.

In December, the Senior Drama, "The Youngest", was presented. The cast was as follows: Helen O'Neill, the gentle mother; Roger Robertson, an arrogant older brother; John Condon, also a brother; Catherine Holmes, a bored older sister; Maurice Houlne, her lawyer-husband; Josephine Le Clair, a gay young daughter; Robert Bartol, the leading man and youngest son; Esther Johnson, the leading lady and Bartol's fiancee; and Bessie Isncr, the efficient maid.

The year has quickly passed with many social events until we are now planning for our forthcoming graduation which will take place June 16. John Condon and Maurice Houlne, honor students, are to be the speakers.

Thus we come to the end of our high school career, with thoughts of the future planted in our minds and also many regrets at the thought of leaving Howe High School.

GRADUATION ESSAYS

"OUR PASTIME AND OUR HAPPINESS WILL GROW"

John Condon

ON A NOBLE AMERICAN

Maurice Houlné

"Our Pastime and our Happiness Will Grow."

"There is no frigate like a book
To take us lands away.
Nor any coursers like a page
Of prancing poetry.
This traverse may the poorest take,
Without oppress of toll;
How frugal is the chariot
That bears a human soul."

Books offer an excellent means of escape from the stern realities of life. They are bridges that can take us from the dreariness and monotony of daily routine to the beautiful realms of the imagination. Literature, especially poetry, is one of the most accessible sources of beauty, and beauty is one of the most permanent sources of satisfaction in life. Keats acclaimed beauty as an everlasting delight in his famous lines:

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever
Its loveliness increases; it will never
Pass into nothingness."

For beauty of imagery no poetry can surpass the first two stanzas of Gray's Elegy Written In A Country Churchyard:

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day,
The lowing herd winds slowly o'er the lea,
The plowman homeward plods his weary way,
And leaves the world to darkness and to me.

Now fades the glimmering landscape on the sight,
And all the air a solemn stillness holds,
Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight,
And drowsy tinlings lull the distant folds."

The pictorial language used is so expressive that one's mind is withdrawn from its material track and set free in the land of the imagination.

Literature not only furnishes access to beauty, but it

also acquaints one with the ideas and ideals that have influenced the world. In the Idylls of The King, Alfred Lord Tennyson presents, in the words of Arthur, the ideal manner of living according to the sixth century code of chivalry:

"I made them lay their hands in mine and swear
To reverence the King as if he were
Their conscience, and their conscience as their King,
To break the heathen and uphold the Christ,
To ride abroad redressing human wrongs,
To speak no slander, no, nor listen to it,
To honor his own word as if his God's,
To lead sweet lives in purest chastity,
To love one maiden only, cleave to her,
And whoship her by years of noble deeds
Until they won her."

Tennyson stressed integrity. Ralph Waldo Emerson, on the other hand, stressed originality. He believed that a genius is a person who is strong enough to stick by his own ideas and convictions, although he be criticized on every hand. The ideas of the following quotations from his essay Self Reliance have inspired many a genius in his work:

"Trust thyself; every heart vibrates to
that iron string"

"Nothing is at last sacred but the
integrity of your own mind"

"An institution is the lengthened
shadow of one man."

The life of the electrical wizard, Thomas Edison, serves well to illustrate the advisability of following Emerson's idea. Edison was scoffed at on every hand, but his self-reliance urged him on to complete triumph.

Another value in the study of literature is that it offers one a chance to meet and appraise significant types of human character. Hamlet, by Shakespeare, gives one, for con-

sideration, the character of a great scholar whose reflective nature results in inaction. Hamlet's inaction is the cause of all the bloodshed in the play. Hamlet typifies the writers, bookmen, and men of sedentary life who cannot do because they see so many ways of doing.

A final value in the study of literature, closely related to the insight it gives into significant types of human character, is the knowledge it gives of the way people in different lands interpret the world about them. Colonel F. E. Lawrence, in his Revolt In The Desert, describes his exploits among barbarous, uncivilized Arabs, who were antagonistic to the English efforts to bring modern ways of living and modern industrial methods into the wilds of the Sahara. The Arabs did not think that the plundering of small towns or of trading caravans was wrong, since that was their only lucrative occupation in the wastes of the desert.

Books, then, are an inexhaustible source of delight, of inspiration, and of information. They bring beauty into our lives; they acquaint us with the ideas and ideals that have influenced the world; they give us a better knowledge of human nature, and they familiarize us with the customs and traditions of other lands.

"Dreams, books, are each a world, and books, we know,
Are a substantial world, both pure and good.
Round these, with tendrils strong as flesh and blood,
Our pastime and our happiness will grow."

John Andrew Condon, Jr.

"An institution is the lengthened shadow of one man."

The American public school, introduced one hundred years ago, bears out the truth of this statement, for in that institution is reflected the character of the great pioneer of American education, Horace Mann.

Paramount in his character were self-sacrifice and complete surrender to a cause. Contrary to the advice of his friends, prompted only by altruism, he gave up a promising law career to accept the secretaryship of the newly-created Massachusetts Board of Education. From an occupation which offered merely great pecuniary returns, he turned away his footsteps to slave for a great ideal-free education for everyone--an ideal which he accomplished after twelve years of fighting against the indifference and hostility of the public and the lack of sympathy of the legislature.

As strongly ingrained in Mr. Mann's character as self-sacrifice was truthfulness. He was the quintessence of truth, and he would have it at all cost. "Education is to inspire the love of truth," he maintained, "as the supremest good, and to clarify the vision of the intellect to discern it."

Patience was one of his cardinal attributes. During his years of teaching, he graciously suffered the errors and ignorance of his pupils, and always had a kind and sympathetic word for them.

Closely allied with his patience was his loving nature. He understood children and loved them for the chastity and bliss of their untried souls. He said of the eighty thousand pupils in Massachusetts, "They are my children, present to my mind every day. I never lie down to sleep, nor rise from it, without thinking of them. They live in my heart. I desire to give them the substantial blessing of deeds and sacrifices rather than the empty one of words and forms."

Mr. Mann was industrious. He believed that, just as food is produced to be eaten, just as houses are built for shelter, and just as highways are constructed to be traveled, so our muscles and nerves are divinely instituted for work.

His kindness overflowed him. His advice, rather than "Spare the rod and spoil the child," was, "Punishment should never be inflicted except in the cases of the extremest necessity; while the experiment of sympathy, confidence, persuasion, encouragement, should be repeated, forever and ever."

Mr. Mann was wholly unselfish. To the very end of his life, he placed the interest of others above his own welfare. After a long illness, informed that he had only three hours to live, he said, "I have then something to do." He was told that any disturbance would shorten his life, but he requested that his students be called. A group formed by his bedside. Half rising from his pillow, he took each one

in succession by the hand, called him familiarly by name, and according to the needs and personality of each, addressed to him, in a clear, resonant voice, words of advice and encouragement. Even on his death bed Mr. Mann displayed his altruism and humanitarianism.

His life was the incarnation of the motto he impressed upon the world: Be ashamed to die until you have won some victory for humanity!

Maurice Houlne

Superlatives, by vote of
their classmates!

Esther Johnson	Best Looking	John Burris
Helen O'Neill	Most Brilliant	Maurice Houlne
Esther Johnson	Most Attractive	Thomas Fallon
Marjorie Shaw	Most Athletic	Edward Staskivicz
Marjorie Shaw	Best Dancer	John Dolan
Helen Fermoyle	Most Versatile	John Condon
Marjorie Shaw	Most Popular	John Condon
Jean Brown	Best Dressed	Roger Robertson
Rita Freeman	Wittiest	Robert McElroy
Virginia Flint	Most Talkative	Richard Davis
Jennie Talutis	Quietest	George Porter
Helen O'Neill	Most Cheerful	Thomas Knight
Catherine Holmes	Most Dependable	Maurice Houlne
Aldona Klemka	Most Likely to Succeed	Maurice Houlne
Esther Johnson Josephine Leclair	Most Sophisticated	Roger Robertson

This booklet was planned and executed by the following
girls, members of the senior typing class:

Helen Campbell	Edna Leavitt
Bessie Isnor	Jennie Pomanacki
Esther Johnson	Mildred Roberts
Aldona Klemka	Joanna Talutis
Sophia Kondzeila	Marjorie Shaw